

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ATHENS 05669 171651Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 ISO-00 EURE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04
H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 ACDA-10 TRSE-00 /093 W
-----171734Z 116544 /44

P R 171551Z JUN 77
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1174
INFO AMEMBASSY NICOSIA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY ANKARA
AMEMBASSY LONDON
USMISSION NATO
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

UNCLAS ATHENS 5669

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, CY, GR
SUBJECT: MAKARIOS' COMMENTS IN ATHENS ON NEED FOR EARLY CYPRUS
SOLUTION

1. SUMMARY: CYPRIOT PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ARRIVED
IN ATHENS YESTERDAY (JUNE 16) FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH PRIME
MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND OTHERS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION.
SPEAKING AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS ARRIVAL THE CYPRIOT LEADER
SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO BE "DECISIVE"
FOR CYPRUS AND THAT DEVELOPMENT WOULD BECOME BETTER KNOWN
SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. MAKARIOS STOPPED IN ATHENS EN ROUTE BACK TO NICOSIA
FROM THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE. HE WAS MET BY PRIME
MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND OTHER SENIOR GREEK LEADERS. IN AN
ARRIVAL STATEMENT THE ARCHBISHOP SAID DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING
WITH THE GOG NECESSARY. HE NOTED THAT FOLLOWING THE
TURKISH ELECTIONS IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT "FRIENDLY
COUNTRIES" WOULD TAKE INITIATIVES IN THE FORM OF MEDIATION OR
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ATHENS 05669 171651Z

THE OFFER OF OFFICES IN FINDING A SOLUTION. SUCH
INITIATIVES WERE WELCOME, HE CONTINUED, FROM WHOMEVER AND
WHATEVER SOURCE, PROVIDED THEY DID NOT REPLACE THE UN AND
THE CYPRUS QUESTION DID NOT LOSE ITS INTERNATIONAL
CHARACTER. ACKNOWLEDGING THE DIFFICULTY OF FORECASTING THE
FUTURE COURSE OF EVENTS ON CYPRUS, THE ARCHBISHOP EXPRESSED
THE HOPE THAT THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD DEMONSTRATE

A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL SO THAT AN AGREEMENT COULD BE FOUND, STRESSING THE "COMING MONTHS" WOULD BE "VERY DECISIVE" FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND.

3. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS, MAKARIOS REFUTED THE SUGGESTION THAT THE GOC WOULD ADOPT A NEW POLICY LINE ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. HE SAID THAT SHORTLY NEW OFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARDS A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WILL BECOME CLEARER. HOWEVER, HE WARNED, IF A SETTLEMENT IS NOT ACHIEVED BY THE END OF 1977, THE CYPRUS QUESTION WOULD NOT BE SOLVED FOR "MANY YEARS." IN REPLY TO A QUESTION AS TO THE ROLE OF BRITAIN, THE ARCHBISHOP COMMENTED THAT IT COULD ASSIST EITHER UNILATERALLY OR AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BUT HE DID NOT BELIEVE ITS ASSISTANCE COULD TAKE THE FORM OF "INTERVENTION" IN CYPRUS. IN CONCLUSION, MAKARIOS REMARKED THAT WHIL THE GOG AND THE GOC MIGHT DIFFER ON CERTAIN ISSUES, THEY WERE IN FULL ACCORD ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION.

4. THE ARCHBISHOP WILL REMAIN IN ATHENS UNTIL SUNDAY. WHILE HE IS HERE HE WILL CONFER WITH CARAMANLIS AND OTHER GREEK POLITICAL LEADERS, AND RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM THE PANTIOS SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE.
KUBISCH

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977ATHENS05669
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770217-0287
Format: TEL
From: ATHENS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770647/aaaabpck.tel
Line Count: 85
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 2514fc7a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2118123
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MAKARIOS' COMMENTS IN ATHENS ON NEED FOR EARLY CYPRUS SOLUTION
TAGS: PGOV, CY, GR, (MAKARIOS III), (CARAMANLIS, CONSTANTINE)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/2514fc7a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009